

WILCOX OIL COMPANY

QUESTION: Does the EPA have a viable PRP for the site?

ANSWER:

- Complex PRP search due to the age of the site. Site history dates back to 1915 with numerous owner/operators.
- Targeted completion for PRP search is April 30, 2014.
- The site was listed to the NPL on December 12, 2013.

BACKGROUND

- Wilcox Superfund site includes the inactive and abandoned Lorraine and Wilcox oil refineries located in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. The site is located in an area with easy access to the highway and within commuting distance to Tulsa.
- The site comprises 125 acres and was utilized by two different refineries with overlapping boundaries from 1915 to 1965. The main components of the plant consisted of a skimming plant, cracking unit and re-distillation battery with vapor recovery system and treatment equipment. The site includes remnants of former oil refining operations and tank farms. Currently there are six residents living on-site, homes are located in areas of former waste operations.
- Hazardous substances include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals, primarily lead. The State of Oklahoma referred the site to EPA because the state does not have the resources to address the site in a timely matter and the potentially responsible party refused to voluntarily address the site contamination.